

REMARKS

The above amendment is further to the amendment filed December 2, 2009, and assumes entry of the latter amendment in full. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 27, 28, 31, and 32 have been amended remove internal inconsistencies and clarify the intended scope of the invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10, 14, 15, 18, and 27-32 remain pending in the case, with claims 10 and 18 withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Applicant asks that the present amendment be taken into account when the claims are examined.

It is believed that no fees are required. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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